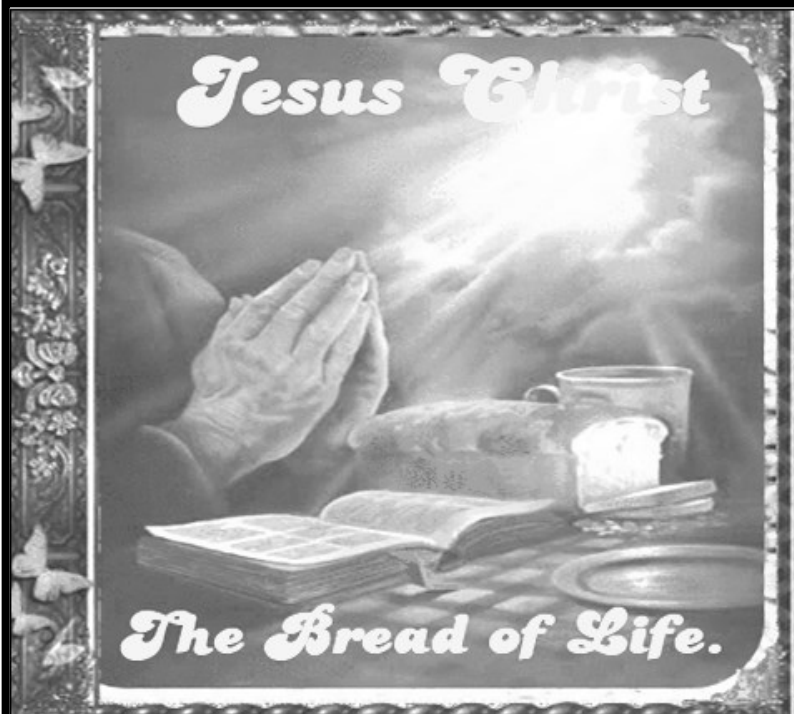




**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**June 11, 2023**  
**Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**



**Congratulation!**

**First Holy Communicants**

**Jermaine Dawkins Patrick Ezeanyim**  
**Katelyn Flute Carrington Jones**  
**Myliyah Reid**

**Church Staff**

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Refoncia McGowan  
**Interim Parish Secretary (SMdeP):**  
Carol Johnson

**Building Engineer:** Roger Lozano  
**Maintenance:** Andrew Griffin  
**Interim DRE:** Marvin McCurry  
**Custodian:** Frank Clark  
**Housekeeper (SMdeP):**

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*Church Office Hours*

*Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
*Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am*  
*Tuesday: 9:00 am*

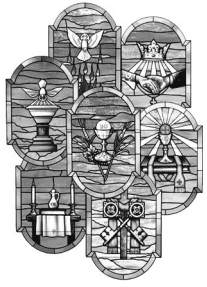
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*Church Office Hours*

*Monday - Friday*  
*9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
*Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.*  
*Thursday 7:30 a.m.*



## Sacramental Information

**Baptism:** Please call the church office for appointment at least two months prior to date. A prep class is required. Parents should contact Den Pouncy.

**RCIA:** Adults Seeking Baptism and/or Making a Profession in the Catholic Christian Faith should contact Deacon Greg Shumpert.

**Marriage:** Please contact the parish office before setting your date. The Church asks that couples be parish members for at least 6 months before setting a date. Participation in Pre-Cana and a Premarital Inventory required.

**Funerals:** Please contact the parish office before going to see a Funeral Director. We will accommodate the needs of your family to help you through the loss and healing.

**Ministry to Sick and Shut-In/ Anointing of the Sick/ Home Visitation/Receiving Communion at Home:** If you or a loved one is in need of a minister from St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres to visit for Communion, Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral need, please contact the church office as soon as the need arises. Fr. Larry, Fr. Thad or one of the Care Ministers will gladly visit in a time of need.

**Hospital Stays:** If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

### Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, June 4, 2023

#### St. Simon of Cyrene at St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres

Mass Offering	\$5,580.00
GiveCentral	990.00
Kolbe-Special	<u>51.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,621.00</b>

**Thank you for your Generosity!**



#### **For whom shall we pray...**

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Ana Garcia, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Diana Foster, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczycki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Jacqueline Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Jacqueline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Shannon Long, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, Latoya Mahaffey, Ronnie Mahaffey, John Mannelle, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Robert McGee, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Josh Morrow, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Lucy Redmond, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Phyllis Riley, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Regina Taitis Sr., Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., Richard Spearman, Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

**From the Desk of Fr. Larry...** My brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, this great Gift that Jesus offers us at every Mass to feed us for our weekly journey. Jesus' Precious Body and Blood gives us the power to be Good News in the lives of others, revealing to them the Love that flows from our relationship with Jesus Christ that we extend humbly and generously to them. As we prepare to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, I hope we are doing 3 things:

- Thinking about the ways we need the Lord to feed us, being as specific as possible in terms of our spiritual, emotional and physical needs.
- Believing deeply and sincerely that Christ has the greatest desire to feed us exactly what we need.
- Expressing our Amen! as if we are saying back to the Lord, "Yes, I believe You desire, can and will nourish me with exactly what I need. I fully believe that You will do this for me! Lord, let it be so! Let it be so!"

As the very first, First Holy Communion class of St. Simon of Cyrene prepares to receive the Sacred Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of Christ today, may the rest of us remind them every day the difference that our receiving the Eucharist makes in *our words and actions!*

**Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

## **Wondrous**

*-Father Larry Dowling*

In the beginning, God created from chaos A world full of beauty, diverse end to end  
Molding earth's rich, dark clay to form Adam  
Infusing eternal Spirit, creating woman and man.

How wondrous a universe, birthing still Time and space born from God's loving bliss  
Scientists/philosophers grasp words to explain God's ever-creating passion, 'all-nourishing abyss'.

Yet even more wondrous did God bring to life Through lowly virgin, willing vessel of salvation  
God's very essence, nonviolent loving passion, A child born to save, to be hope for creation.

Wondrous indeed, in his living and dying, Did Jesus, with the Father, offer us all wholeness,  
Each compassionate act, each life-giving word, Bringing healing, renewal, life in its fullness.

More wondrous still, through his passion and rising Does Jesus remain with us in two gracious Gifts: The Spirit of Love, which he shares with the Father, And the gift of His Presence in each Eucharist.

So as we gather as one family in sacred places  
We seek God's mercy, by God's Word to be fed.  
We proclaim our praise, our belief, our reliance,  
Lift up all needs, hopes, dreams, spoken, unsaid.

We, as one, offer simple gifts, bread and wine,  
Representing all that we are, our gift and our need  
Received by the priest, in the person of Christ  
Brought to the altar to be blessed, soon to feed.

Through words of the priest, sinful, humble vessel,  
Through gift of the Spirit invoked from above,  
Christ speaks the words to create life-giving food  
"Take, eat, take, drink, My Presence, My Sacrifice, My Communion, My Love."

"Let My Flesh liven sinews of tired hands and feet.  
My Blood fill the reservoirs of faint heart and mind.  
Let My Life broken open be an invitation to you  
To be a channel of divine grace to all humankind."

Fully partake in the Gift, Precious Body and Blood,  
By God's loving Son from death now be freed.  
Embrace the person God created you to become,  
For in the fullness of God's love you'll one day see:  
"How wondrous, wondrous, how wondrous indeed!"

**Next Sunday, June 18, 2023**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: Exodus 19:2-6a**  
**Romans 5:6-11**  
**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

**Celebrant Mass Schedule**  
**St. Agatha                      St. Martin de Porres**

<b>06/18/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>06/25/23</b>	<b>Unity Mass - 10:00am at St. Agatha</b>	
<b>07/02/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>07/09/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>
<b>07/16/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>07/23/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>



**Mass Intentions for this Week**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2023**



**In Memory of Helen and Vernelet Peters**  
**Lucinda and James Mayfield**  
**From the Peters and Clark Family**

**In Honor of St. Martin de Porres and Giving Thanks**  
**From the Villalba Family**

**We encourage our parishioners to pray for their**  
**loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a**  
**Mass Intention. Donation is \$10**

**St. Simon of Cyrene Prayer of Intercession**  
 God of infinite compassion and boundless love, through the ages you call men and women, young and old, to model for us the virtues of humble strength and willing service. You have given us this noble African, St. Simon of Cyrene, as a model of such virtue, manifested in a life as a husband, father, laborer and willing servant to help bear the burdens of others. He helped bear the cross of Your Son, Our Lord, Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ, in order that Jesus might complete his journey to suffer the cross, conquering death and opening the doors of heaven to all humankind.

Through the intercession of St. Simon of Cyrene, strengthen me in my resolve to live the truth of who You created me to be, to love as only to be life-giving to others, to use my unique gifts to help bear the crosses of all innocent victims who suffer injustice inflicted by the greed, arrogance and apathy of others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*St. Simon of Cyrene, one with Our Savior  
 in bearing His cross, pray for us!*

*St. Simon of Cyrene, a foundation stone of the  
 Christian Church in Africa, pray for us!*

*St. Simon of Cyrene, husband, father, laborer,  
 strength for the suffering Christ in our world,  
 pray for us!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**  
**Next Unity Mass, Sunday, June 25th**  
**10:00 a.m. on the Boulevard across**  
**from St. Agatha**

**Community Picnic to Follow**  
**Invite Family and Friends!**

**Our Vision...**

Rooted in and propelled by the love of Jesus Christ, we, the people of St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish, one Parish Family with ministry sites at St. Agatha & St. Martin de Porres Churches, profess a life-giving, all-embracing faith, fostering full participation in worship that nourishes us to care for one another and extend our lived faith, relentless hope and life-giving love to our Westside Communities.

**St. Martin de Porres Credit Union**  
**Located in Purcell Hall**  
 4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776  
 Open Saturdays: 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

**Purcell Hall Rental Information**  
 Contact the Parish Office  
**Charitable Hands Ministry**  
 Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Becnel  
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

**~ Travel and Entertainment Group ~**

Will be attending the following event:

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> Paint and Sip ~ it's a B.Y.O.B.**

The events are for adults only and there's limited availability. If interested and want more information,

please contact Joyce Riley at 773 261-7690